Taking part helps your community

- The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.
- Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"
- The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data.
- Your community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. Federal funds, grants, and support to communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, and race, among other factors.
- The data is also used for research and to analyze and predict trends. This has a direct influence where businesses decide to open, impacting the local economy and job creation.
- Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.



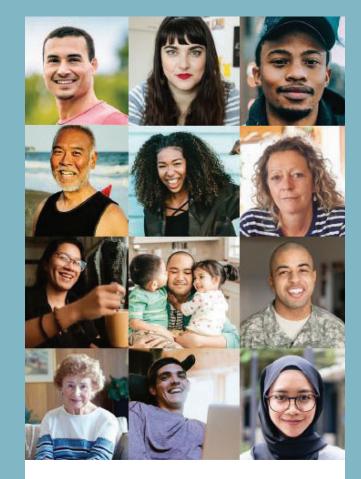
Everyone counts.

Learn more at 2020Census.gov and nvcogct.gov/2020census

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The U.S. Census arrives in March 2020

What you need to know







How EVERYONE gets COUNTED

- The census counts every person living in the United States once, only once, and in the right place.
- You have to count all who live and sleep at your home most of the time.
- Include your newborn baby in your census form, even if he or she is still in the hospital on April 1.
- College students will be counted at their dorm address by college administrators. Those living off-campus should complete the census that is mailed to their off-campus address.
- People experiencing homelessness will be counted at places where they receive services, such as shelters and meal centers. They can be counted at transitory locations (hotels, motels, campgrounds) using a paper form.
- Counting for Group Quarters, such as college residence halls, residential treatment centers, skilled-nursing facilities, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, and workers' dormitories will be counted at the facility.



Filling out the census is QUICK and EASY

- Census Day is April 1, 2020. This is a reference date for responses to the census.
- By April 1, 2020, households will receive an invitation via U.S. mail to participate in the census. People can respond via the internet, phone, paper form, or in person.
- You can respond to the census online or by phone in 12 non-English languages: Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese.
- The 2020 Census will have only nine questions. A question related to citizenship status IS NOT IN the 2020 Census.



Responses to the census are SAFE and CONFIDENTIAL

- By law, your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.
- Census responses cannot be used against any person by any government agency or court.
- Census Bureau workers take a lifetime oath of non-disclosure that protects your answers.
- The U.S. Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, money, donations, or bank and credit card numbers.
- The U.S. Census Bureau will never send an invitation to complete the census via email.
- The U.S. Census Bureau workers will have badges indicating their affiliation with the Census Bureau.
- A U.S. Census Bureau worker will never ask you to step out of your home.









